

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method of screening for an agonist antibody, which comprises the steps of:
 - (a) determining the binding activity of a test antibody and selecting an antibody with binding activity;
 - (b) modifying the antibody selected in step (a); and
 - (c) determining the agonistic activity of the modified antibody of step (b) and selecting an antibody with agonistic activity.
2. (Original) The screening method of claim 1, wherein the modified antibody is a minibody.
3. (Original) The screening method of claim 2, wherein the minibody is an sc(Fv)2.
4. (Currently Amended) The screening method of claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the agonistic activity is not determined prior to modifying the test antibody.
5. (Currently Amended) The screening method of claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the antibody is one against a protein expressed on a cell membrane.
6. (Currently Amended) An antibody obtained by the method of claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~.

7. (Original) A method for producing an antibody with agonistic activity, which comprises the steps of:

- (a) determining the binding activity of an antibody and selecting an antibody with binding activity;
- (b) modifying the antibody selected in step (a);
- (c) determining the agonistic activity of the modified antibody of step (b) and selecting an antibody with agonistic activity;
- (d) introducing a host cell with a vector carrying a DNA that encodes the antibody selected in step (c); and
- (e) culturing the host cell of step (d).

8. (Original) The production method of claim 7, wherein the modified antibody is a minibody.

9. (Original) The production method of claim 8, wherein the minibody is an sc(Fv)₂.

10. (Currently Amended) The production method of claim 7 ~~any one of claims 7 to 9~~, wherein the agonistic activity is not determined prior to antibody modification.

11. (Currently Amended) The production method of claim 7 ~~any one of claims 7 to 10~~, wherein the antibody is one against a protein expressed on a cell membrane.

12. (Original) A method of screening for an agonist antibody, wherein the agonistic activity of a test antibody is not determined prior to step (a), and which comprises the steps of:

- (a) modifying a test antibody; and
- (b) determining the agonistic activity of the modified antibody of step (a) and selecting an antibody with agonistic activity.

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13. (Original) The screening method of claim 12, wherein the modified antibody is a minibody.

14. (Original) The screening method of claim 13, wherein the minibody is an sc(Fv)₂.